

IDENTIFICATION

504 Merrimack Street

MAP SHEET # 137

1) CURRENT OWNER Francis & Phyllis Kallus OWNER OCCUPIED no

2) HISTORIC NAME

3) CURRENT NAME

4) PROPERTY TYPE commercial / residential 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION B-1

6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear

7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE c.1832 SOURCE 1832 map

2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER

3) HISTORIC OWNER

4) ORIGINAL USE: GF commercial UF residential

5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY no DATE

SOURCE

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE early 19th c. commercial

2) PRESENT USE: appliance repair GF store UF storage

3) NO OF STORIES 2

4) PROP SQ FT 4,668

5) PLAN rectangular

6) ROOF flat

7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM wood frame

8) OUTBUILDINGS none

9) MATERIALS: FOUNDATION not visible

FACADE wood clapboard

TRIM wood

10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none

VIEW FROM north PHOTO TAKEN Nov. 1992



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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC excellent
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES n/a
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF restored storefront
UF new clapboards, window sash
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, residential
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROPERTY'S HISTORIC SETTING intact with minor intrusions and/or losses
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROPERTY TO HISTORIC SETTING integral to character

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

504 Merrimack Street is a restored two-story frame commercial/residential building. The storefront appears to be all new material but utilizes the 19th century design format. At ground level, the five bays are divided by paneled wooden piers into two symmetrical groups of large display windows flanking a center recessed entrance to the single ground level shop. The storefront is well-detailed and includes the piers, wood panels under the display windows, and a row of small windows just below the wide entablature which separates the first and second floors. At level two, the facade is sheathed with new wooden clapboards and the four 2/2 windows are irregularly spaced in two groups of two. The building has a simple wooden cornice and flat roof. At the rear is a large one-story concrete block addition.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A building appears on this site as early as the 1832 map. It is unclear whether parts of the present building may date back to this or a later 19th century date. On the 1850 map the owner name "Maloy" appears. On the 1879 atlas, the first to show building material and other details, a two-part frame building with outbuildings is shown. On the 1882 atlas, the building is labeled as 2 1/2 stories and the shops are labeled "barber" and "sal." On the 1896 atlas, the two halves are owned separately, by Mrs. Mary Manning and Cornelius O'Hearn; this pattern of dual ownership continues into the 20th century. In 1917, the first year the city directory includes a street-by-street listing, the building was occupied by Lenardakis & Co. dry goods, with residences above. In 1945 one side was a men's store.

SOURCES

Maps: 1832, 1841, 1850
Atlases: 1879 to 1977
Lowell city directories

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

The present building and concrete block addition occupy the entire site, and therefore the archeological potential is low.

